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Amendments to the drawings:

Attachment: Replacement sheets labeled FIGS. 1-4.

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REMARKS

Applicant received a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, dated January 12, 2006 and alleging that the Amendment filed October 11, 2005 was non-compliant with 37 CFR §1.121 because newly claimed subject matter was not illustrated in the drawings. Applicant asserts that a Notice of a Non-Compliant Amendment should not have been mailed under these circumstances because the amendment filed October 11, 2005 clearly was in full compliance with 37 CFR §1.121. It simply raised the prospect for a new objection under 37 CFR §1.85(a).

Nevertheless, in order to expedite prosecution, Applicant's undersigned representative discussed this matter with Examiner Chin via telephone on today's date and proposed to amend FIGS. 1-3 to show rigging "R" as now amended. Examiner Chin indicated that these amendments overcome the prospective objection under 37 CFR §1.85(a) and that the application appears to be in condition for allowance.

In light of the foregoing, favorable reconsideration and allowance are believed to be in order and are respectively requested.


No fees are believed to be payable with this communication. Nevertheless, should the Examiner consider any other fees to be payable in conjunction with this or any future communication, the Director is authorized to direct payment of such fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1170.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it would help expedite matters.

Respectfully submitted,


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